

Be it known to all persons that the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College in desiring to express appreciation to Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith makes the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith is retiring as President of East Central Community College effective June 30, 2000, having served in that capacity since July 1, 1985; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith served as President of East Central Community College for fifteen years and in such capacity acted as the chief executive officer of the college, managing and directing all internal and external affairs of the college, delegating authority and responsibilities to the administration, faculty and staff; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith earned the Associate of Arts Degree from East Central Junior College, the Bachelor of Science Degree and the Master of Science Degree in Science Education from Mississippi State University, and the Doctor of Education Degree in Higher Education Administration and Supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith presided over the growth of East Central Community College from an enrollment of 819 in the fall semester of 1985 to 2,233 in the fall semester of 1999; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith shepherded the College through budget growth from \$3,985,899 during the 1985-86 College year to \$19,034,671 during the 1999-2000 College year; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith administered and enforced all policies and regulations relating to the operation of the College as established by the Board of Trustees; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith further enhanced the potential effectiveness of East Central Community College by re-chartering the East Central Community College Foundation and overseeing initial donations of cash and in-kind gifts in excess of one million dollars; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith worked tirelessly to improve the academic, technical, and vocational programs, always striving to develop programs that would meet the needs of the area served by the College and those students who chose to matriculate at East Central Community College; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith provided leadership in the development of workforce training opportunities for the businesses and industries of the College's five county district; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith gave support to and assisted in developing the athletic program of the College with specific attention being given to developing a balanced program to provide for the needs of all students who attended East Central; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith distinguished himself as an outstanding administrator acting always as a respected leader for the administration and for the college faculty and as a reliable, moral, God-fearing, and gentlemanly role model for all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith brought honor to himself and to East Central Community College through his extensive involvement and leadership in professional organizations and societies within the area, state, region and nation, particularly his distinguished leadership within the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith spoke extensively to civic, community, and religious organizations on behalf of East Central Community College and by making himself available as a speaker, consultant and advisor to those seeking his expertise, he succeeded in keeping the College and its programs continuously in the public eye; and

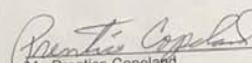
**WHEREAS** Dr. Eddie M. Smith will long be remembered and greatly revered as a President of East Central Community College;


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees of East Central Community College expresses its appreciation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith for his outstanding leadership, scholarship, and diligence over a fifteen-year period and gratefully acknowledges his devotion to the institution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees confers upon Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith the title of President Emeritus in recognition of his many achievements as President of East Central Community College.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and the pages of college publications and that a copy be given to Dr. Eddie Malvin Smith, the sixth President of East Central Community College.

**ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2000**

  
Mr. Prentice Copeland  
Chairman of the Board

  
Mr. Jerry Nance  
Secretary of the Board